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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



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*Welcome Home:  
Where You Are Perfectly Safe*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Loving Father, in a world of uncertainty and unease, I thank you for bringing me to your house of peace again. Bless me in your promises and hear my songs of praise. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** Americans spend over twenty-one billion dollars every year on home security. We want our homes to be a place that our family can feel safe, where they can be apart from everything that can hurt them. However, the reality is that no matter how many locks and alarms and cameras you might use to guard your house, you and your family are not perfectly safe.

There is a greater danger than thieves...a greater threat than bullies. There is even something worse than physical death. Judgment Day is coming, and with it, the destruction of all creation. If that day comes and you are not prepared, you begin an eternal nightmare. In the Church, our brother Jesus has given us a home that is indeed perfectly safe. Not even Judgment Day can touch it. Christians can look forward to Judgment Day with great anticipation. Even as "the mountains fall into the heart of the sea" (Psalm 46:2), we have Christ's promise that we will be perfectly safe.

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Guest Preacher: Pastor Jon Enter  
Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Ryan Wolfe  
Piano: Abigail Ibisch  
Choir Director: Luke Dorn  
Handbell Director: Jessie Wolfe

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# Order of Worship

CW Hymnal, Setting Two



## Hymn: When Will I Walk

CW 837



1 When will I walk the shin - ing streets of gold  
2 When will I wear the robe of bril - liant white  
3 When will I win what Je - sus won for me—



which lie be - hind the mas - sive gates of pearl,  
and raise a - loft the vic - tor's branch of palm,  
a par - a - dise of rest - ful, won - drous peace,



where saints tri - um - phant live in bliss un - told,  
where long - for - got - ten is the no - ble fight  
where day is bright and night will nev - er be,



and all a - round the al - le - lu - ias swirl?  
and glass - y seas be - tray a per - fect calm?  
and joy - ful - ness will ev - er - more in - crease?

### *Refrain*



My days, O Lord, are trou - ble - filled and few, and



I'm not home un - til I'm home with you.

*Please remain seated.*

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded Baptism when he said, *“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

All of us are born into this world with a deep need for Baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. He took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. In Baptism, he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. We recall what Baptism means for our daily lives:

**C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins:

**C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.  
I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit and united us to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Every day God forgives your sins, removes your guilt, and strengthens you to defeat Satan’s power. His promise is for you and your children, and he will never forsake you. Your sins are forgiven. You are clothed with Christ. You are at peace with God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **(5 pm/ 8am) Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending**

CW 487



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold him

once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;

thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 those who set at naught and sold him,

swell the tri - umph of his train:  
 pierced and nailed him to the tree,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly

lu - ia! Christ re - veals his end - less reign.  
 wail - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.

**(10:30am) Choir Anthem**

**Work While It Is Day**

By Jan Gompper

*So many eyes that cannot see. So many hearts to be set free.  
 So little time for you and me to help them find the way.  
 So much to share about God's grace, how he's prepared a heav'nly place.  
 Surely we can't give up the race; we must work while it is day.*

*Refrain: Work while it is day; Soon the night is falling.  
 Christians, don't delay; Heed the Savior's calling.  
 Do not worry if you're ready; God will guide your way;  
 Just simply work while it is day.*

*So many lives that still walk dead. So many souls that must be fed.  
 Needing to hear Christ's blood was shed; Their ransom has been paid.  
 We've got the treasure in our hands; We can't ignore the Lord's command  
 To spread his love to ev'ry land, to work while it is day. Refrain*

## **(10:30am) Sacrament of Baptism**

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font at the 10:30am service.

M: The Gospel according to St. Mark: *“People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.”*

The minister applies water to the person presented for baptism as he says:

M: Peyton Ann Praschak, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart ✠ to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven all your sins. May he strengthen you with his grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

## **(10:30am) Exhortation to Parents & Congregation**

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Peyton and all the children of our church may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

**C: Yes, as God gives me strength.**

M: Let us pray.

We give thanks, most merciful Father, that you have received Peyton as your own child and made her a member of Christ’s body, the church. Now, we pray, grant to her and to all your church on earth that, being dead to sin, we may live to righteousness and, being buried with Christ into his death, we may also share in his resurrection, so that, with all your saints, we may inherit eternal life; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### **First Reading**

*Jeremiah 26:1-6*

*The Lord's judgment is coming to bring destruction on those who refuse to listen to his Word. We rejoice that in Christ, we are considered the family of God and so will be safe on the Last Day.*

<sup>1</sup>Early in the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, this word came from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>"This is what the LORD says: Stand in the courtyard of the LORD's house and speak to all the people of the towns of Judah who come to worship in the house of the LORD. Tell them everything I command you; do not omit a word. <sup>3</sup>Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from their evil ways. Then I will relent and not inflict on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done. <sup>4</sup>Say to them, 'This is what the LORD says: If you do not listen to me and follow my law, which I have set before you, <sup>5</sup>and if you do not listen to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I have sent to you again and again (though you have not listened), <sup>6</sup>then I will make this house like Shiloh and this city a curse among all the nations of the earth.' "

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

## Select Verses of Psalm 90

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

<sup>3</sup>You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

<sup>4</sup>A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.

<sup>12</sup>Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

<sup>17</sup>May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.

### (5 pm/ 8am) Hymn: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

CW 704 st. 3



3 Let us al - so die with Je - sus; his death from the  
sec - ond death, from our soul's de - struc - tion, frees us, quick - ens  
us with life's glad breath. Let us mor - ti - fy, while liv - ing,  
flesh and blood and die to sin, and the grave that  
shuts us in shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,  
here I die to thee, there to live e - ter - nal - ly.

*The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.*

*I will not fear when darkness falls, His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.*

*Refrain: Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love.  
My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.*

*My hope is hidden in the Lord, He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades, I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation. Refrain*

*And when I reach my final day, He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation!*

*Glory be to God, the Father, Glory be to God, the Son,  
Glory be to God, the Spirit; The Lord is my salvation! Refrain*

## **Second Reading**

## **2 Thessalonians 1:5-10**

*The Lord Jesus is revealed as a judge. His ruling will be just. Those who do not acknowledge him will be punished. But those who have faith in him will be brought to everlasting glory.*

<sup>5</sup>All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. <sup>6</sup>God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you <sup>7</sup>and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. <sup>8</sup>He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might <sup>10</sup>on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

**M:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42

<sup>42</sup>Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

### Acclamation Song: Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

CW 704 st. 4

4 Let us glad - ly live with Je - sus; since he's ris - en  
from the dead, death and grave must soon re - lease us. Je - sus,  
thou art now our head. We are tru - ly thine own mem - bers,  
where thou liv - est, there live we; take and own us  
con - stant - ly, faith - ful Friend, as thy dear breth - ren. Je - sus,  
here I live to thee, al - so there e - ter - nal - ly.

The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

# Gospel

*Jesus teaches that on Judgement Day those who wasted their God-given gifts will have to give an account. Fortunately, when judging us, the Master will look at what Christ has done as our Savior.*

<sup>11</sup>While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. <sup>12</sup>He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. <sup>13</sup>So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'

<sup>14</sup>"But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'

<sup>15</sup>"He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

<sup>16</sup>"The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.'

<sup>17</sup>" 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

<sup>18</sup>"The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.'

<sup>19</sup>"His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.'

<sup>20</sup>"Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. <sup>21</sup>I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'

<sup>22</sup>"His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup>Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'

<sup>24</sup>"Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.'

<sup>25</sup>" 'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!'

<sup>26</sup>"He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>27</sup>But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them—bring them here and kill them in front of me.' "

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated.*

## Children's Devotion

## Hymn of the Day: Delay Not! Delay Not

CW 712



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!  
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,  
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,  
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.  
for mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.  
long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight  
the love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed, the Sav - ior is here;  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
and leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,  
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



re - demp - tion is pur - chased, God's prom - ise is true.  
its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.  
to sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

## Sermon

Based on 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

### *“Do the Crime; Get the Time”*

Please stand after the sermon.

## THANKSGIVING

### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **Offering**



 **Connect Card**

*Our members give offerings to support God's work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren't expected to.*

*We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.*



 **Give Online**

**(10:30 am) Offertory Junior Handbells**

**Blessed Assurance**

*Sandra Eithun*

*Please stand.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## **Blessing**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Hymn: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CW 564



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
port me in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

### *Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## Silent Prayer and Announcements

### WELS International Youth Rally Introduction

#### Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

Sunday morning, all are invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship in the entry between services. Sunday JAM for children ages 3yrs to 6th grade starts at 9:15am in the kindergarten room. Adult Bible study begins at 9:15 in the fellowship hall downstairs

#### For Worship Next Week

Worship theme: Welcome Home: To Christ's Glorious Kingdom  
Bible Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Colossians 1:13-20, Luke 23:35-43  
Hymns: 900, 534, 675, 885



# WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

## FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help!

Please take note of a few helpful things:

- ✦ Restrooms with diaper-changing tables are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance.
- ✦ Our sanctuary is equipped with a "loop" system for hearing assistance. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position or ask an usher for a headset.
- ✦ You will find a connection card in your pew. Please share names, contact information, and prayer requests.
- ✦ Salem members give an offering to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.
- ✦ Our services are streamed live on our YouTube channel. If you would prefer not to be on camera, please sit in the seats located beneath the balcony.

## FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing, pray, and grow with us in our services.

We provide a few special worship aids and helps for families:

- ✦ Children's bulletins & activity bags are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ✦ If your child needs a quiet space, you can use the fireside room down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is streamed live into the room.
- ✦ Children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for the weekly children's message. Parents are welcome too!

**Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.**

